(b) if so, whether several Indian companies developing transgenic plants and transferring BI gene into the plant are to be affected by US patents;

(c) if so, whether the farmers at large are likely to be affected; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Companies which develop transgenic plants and transfer BT. gine into plants will be affected only if the patent is granted in India for the concerned gene, and the process.

(c) The Indjan farmers are not likely to be affected if the patent is not awarded within India.

(d) Government has already taken initiatives to develop capabilities in this area.

Establishing new Agriculture University

4873. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish any new Agriculture University in the country in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any request to this effect has been received from the Government of Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the attion taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Shrimp and fish culture project

4874. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes envisaged under shrimp and fish culture project with World Bank Assistance;

(b) the States where these programmes/projects are in progress; and

(c) the State-wise allocation of funds during the year 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The World Bank Assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project envisages the development of brackishwater areas for shrimp culture, reservoirs/ox-bow lakes for fish culture and support services like hatcheries and ice plants, etc.

(b) The shrimp component is being implemented in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal while the fish culture component is in progress in the States of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh in addition to the States mentioned above.

(c) The State-wise figures are given below . Figures for January-March '95 and for 1995-96 are not available since the World Bank reimburses the expenditure after the claims are submitted by the States.